



## Helen Johnson

October 17, 1947 - August 4, 2008

Norfolk- Helen Elverea Davis Johnson, 60, of Norfolk, passed away Monday, August 4, 2008 in Petersburg, VA after a lengthy illness. Her compassion and commitment to family made her extremely well-suited for her chosen profession of social work.

She is survived by her son, MAJ Ellsworth K. “Kenny” Johnson, III and his wife, Terri of Colonial Heights; brother, Arlandies “Landy” Harper and his wife, Patricia of Norfolk; stepmother, Edith Harper of Washington, D.C.; former husband, Ellsworth K. Johnson, Jr. of Portsmouth; the Harkins family of Norfolk; the Horrall family of Chesapeake; the Calabrese family of Portsmouth; her beloved grandson, Nicholas Ryan Johnson of Colonial Heights; and a host of longtime friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Nellie Wilson and Elvernon Harper; daughter, Janel J. Sledd; and brother, Lemuel Brothers.

Helen was born in Accomac County, VA and a graduate of Booker T. Washington High School in Norfolk. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in psychology from Old Dominion University. While employed by Norfolk Social Services, she returned to school and obtained her Masters of Social Work from Norfolk State University. After 30 years of service as a social worker, she retired in 2002. She remained a proud and loyal member of Delta

Sigma Theta Sorority. She was also a devoted member of the Basilica of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception.

Helen had a quick wit and rarely met a stranger. Her effervescent personality will be sorely missed.

Visitation will be held on Friday, August 8 from 2:00-7:00 p.m. at J.T. Fisher Funeral Services, 1080 N George Washington Hwy., Chesapeake, and the family will receive friends from 6:00-7:00p.m. Funeral mass will be celebrated on Saturday, August 9 at 12:00 noon at The Basilica of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Norfolk with Father John Dorgan officiating. She will be laid to rest at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens in Norfolk.

In lieu of flowers, the family would prefer memorial donations be made to the Lupus Foundation of America ([www.lupus.org](http://www.lupus.org) or 202-349-1155).

Condolences can be offered to the family at [www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com](http://www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

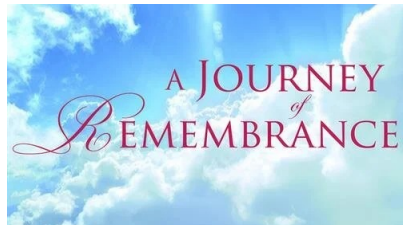
AUG 8. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy  
Chesapeake, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Helen Johnson



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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - August 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM



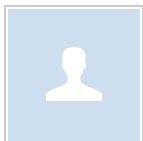
“ MAJ Johnson,

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God Bless you and your family.*

*With sympathy, John Laudan and family##imported-begin##John Laudan##imported-end##*

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August 13, 2008 at 10:41 AM



“ *I never met Mrs. Johnson, but just knowing her son, I'd have to say she was a very caring person and was, no doubt, very proud of Kenny and his family. Also, despite her passing at such an early age, her legacy will live on through those she touched throughout her lifetime. May God's Spirit provide comfort and peace to all that knew her.##imported-begin##Jeff Davis##imported-end##*

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August 11, 2008 at 08:37 AM



“ I was so sorry to hear about Helen and not be able to attend her funeral because of recent surgery.I [Natalie]worked with Helen and infact she was my supervisor for a short time.she was a terrific person,a caring and excellant worker and supervisor.she was also a good friend and alot of fun.Most of all she was proud of her family and ofcourse the apple of her eye Nickolas###imported-begin###Natalie and Chuck Taylor###imported-end##

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August 10, 2008 at 11:47 AM



“ To the Johnson Family,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you during your time of sorrow.  
Your mother was blessed with a joyful heart and a endless supply of compassion.  
I will miss her radiant smile and big hugs. Thank you Father for the gift of knowing her. God Bless you All###imported-begin###Joyce Jones###imported-end##

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August 08, 2008 at 07:51 PM



“ MAJ Johnson,  
The lord will see you and your family thought this sorrowful time.  
Just know that your mother is out of pain and in a better place.  
Many blessings to come for you and your family.

Brenda Arnold###imported-begin###Brenda Arnold###imported-end##

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August 08, 2008 at 03:23 PM



“ MAJ Johnson and family,

*Wanted to wish you our sincere sympathy to you and your family. I read the obituary and even though I did not know your mother, her obituary was a true tribute to a person I would have like to have known. May God bless each one of you with his comfort during this time.*

V/R,

*Karen and Stan Ailstock  
Fort Lee, VA##imported-begin##Karen and Stan  
Ailstock##imported-end##*

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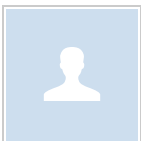
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“ *For a time Helen was my supervisor at NDSS - she was a kind and decent person. After many many years I last saw her sometime in 2007 and she was the same positive/happy person. I'm so sorry to hear of her passing and I pray that the family find comfort in knowing that when I knew her to talked aout her son and daughter with great pride and joy. May you forever continue to feel her spirit. JS##imported-begin##Joyce Smith##imported-end##*

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August 08, 2008 at 02:05 PM



“ *I will always remember Helen's laugh and her smile. Her warmth, support and commitment was always demonstrated in her trainings. My sympathy to the family.##imported-begin##Flora Harris##imported-end##*

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August 08, 2008 at 09:56 AM



“ To the Johnson family, et al--I celebrate the life and homegoing of Helen E. Davis Johnson, having known her was a pleasure one of my most unforgettable life treasures, now returned to her true home that God has reserved for those who remain faithful in Him truly deserve...rest assure we'll meet again, my dear friend ---Amen & Amen###imported-begin##D.Darceline Harris/Herbert Families###imported-end##

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August 08, 2008 at 09:31 AM



“ To Kenneth Johnson and Family:

*My deepest sympathy is with you during this difficult time and warmest thoughts and prayers are with you always.###imported-begin##Carolyn Saunders###imported-end##*

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August 08, 2008 at 08:50 AM



“ Kenny

*I am very sorry to hear about your mother. Our prayers are with you and your family.I am sorry I can not attend the funeral. Nancy and I are leaving for a vacation in Myrtle Beach. I will see you in a week. Dan###imported-begin##Dan Odum###imported-end##*

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August 08, 2008 at 08:15 AM



“ Kenny & Family,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you. Your mother has only left you in body, her memories will keep her in your hearts and thoughts forever. Remember to honor her everyday with your spirit which she left with you to cherish.##imported-begin##Sue Faley##imported-end##

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August 08, 2008 at 06:53 AM



“ To the family of Helen Johnson  
Helen was a special person, she will be truly missed. Your family will be in my prayers.##imported-begin##Jacqueline Campbell##imported-end##

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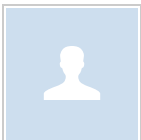
August 07, 2008 at 10:25 PM



“ MAJ Johnson, you and your family are in my prayers. May God be with you all.##imported-begin##William Gay##imported-end##

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August 07, 2008 at 09:04 PM



“ To the Johnson Family,  
I was deeply saddened to read that Helen had died. May God grant you peace during this time of bereavement and beyond.##imported-begin##Carrie Snead##imported-end##

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August 07, 2008 at 05:52 PM



“ Hi MAJ Johnson,  
We send our sincere condolences to you and your family. May God strengthen you hearts in your time of sorrow.

God Bless!!

MTS Family##imported-begin##Stephonie - MTS##imported-end##

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August 07, 2008 at 05:12 PM



“ You and your family are in my prayers. I'm really sorry to hear of the loss of your Mother, but just remember she will be in heaven watching over you. Watch for the signs and she shall show herself. God bless you all.##imported-begin##Steve Dillon##imported-end##

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August 07, 2008 at 05:12 PM



“ My heart felt sympathy for your lost.##imported-begin##Ted Milligan##imported-end##

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August 07, 2008 at 04:33 PM



“ It has been a wonderful blessing knowing Helen and her brother Landy.  
The love she has shared in her life has touched many. I remembered the advice that I was seeking on an occasion and Helen guided me through.  
God blessed us so much with her presence, caring, and love. Thank you Father God for the gift of Helen.##imported-begin##Sandra Wiley##imported-end##

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August 07, 2008 at 02:39 PM



“ Mom/Grandmom,

*We love you, and will always remember you. You were a phenomenal woman and touched so many lives. I could not have asked for a more loving mother. All that knew you know you were also a loving and caring grandmother who adored Nicholas. We are glad you are at peace. We will miss you dearly.*

*Love Always,  
Kenny, Terri, & Nicholas##imported-begin##Kenny Johnson and  
Family##imported-end##*

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August 07, 2008 at 10:23 AM